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On 13 September 1952, construction work at Welzow airfield was nearing completion. Late September was mentioned as a target date. However, source had the impression that the work will not be completed before late October. It could not be determined whether the field has been improved for the Russians or the Volkspolizei. The runway at the field had a length of 2,500 meters and a width of 30 meters. The concrete of all concrete sites was 20 cm thick. On both sides of the runway there were taxiways with a total of 42 hardstands, including some under construction. Recently, a rectangular concrete extension was being built on the hardstands which were 36 meter in diameter. \*

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\* Comment. The information that 42 hardstands are under construction is received for the first time. It is believed to be correct because source is in a position to know. If the information proves actually correct Welzow airfield would be one of the best airfields in Eastern Germany. An occupation of the field by Volkspolizei is believed to be possible because Welzow is located in the Kamenz-Bautzen-Gottbus area where a VP air division is being activated. However, no other indications have been received that Welzow airfield might be turned over to the future air force in Eastern Germany.

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